

DAKLY TRAGIC IS MRS. CLARKE'S LIFE

A Career of Worthy Effort
Ended by a Park
Accident.

FATE IS AGAINST HER.

Now She Is Dangerously In-
jured, and Her Little Family
May Suffer Want.

A real tragedy in every day life developed from the terrible accident which happened to Mrs. Teresa Clarke, the riding teacher, who was run down in the Park on Monday afternoon and who lies, perhaps dying, upon a bed of agony.

Mrs. Clarke, a most worthy woman, whose pluck and ambition have won for her the admiration of all who know her, is the wife of a former officer of the English Life Guards. She was brought up luxuriously in English society. Her husband, who once had plenty of property, became a mental invalid, and they found themselves nearly destitute with two children, a boy and a girl, to provide for. To retrieve their fortunes they came to this country with almost the last money they had.

They had some friends in this country, who sympathized with the unfortunate position in which Mrs. Clarke found herself.

"There is nothing I can work at," she said to them, "to earn my living." "Have been brought up with all the money I needed, and the only thing I can do better than another is to ride. But I do not see how any money is to be made out of that."

"Riding," exclaimed one of her friends, "that's the very thing. Why not start a riding academy?"

At first the idea seemed to Mrs. Clarke preposterous. She was without capital or means of getting any, but she had pluck. She found that with the help of her friends pluck would go almost as well as cash.

By almost superhuman efforts she managed to scrape together the wherewithal to start a riding academy for women. She hired the stable at No. 206 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, which had a sufficient space attached to it for a small riding school, and prepared to give lessons.

In order to save money she fitted up as a living apartment the few small rooms in the upper part of the stable.

Her friends stood by her and pupils came. She made a very fair income from the start, to her great astonishment.

Mrs. Clarke was a graceful and beautiful rider. She knew the horse thoroughly, and beyond that she had the faculty of teaching. There was something magnetic about her method, and she was remarkably popular with her pupils.

Meanwhile she was educating her two children as best she could. The boy is eleven years old and the girl five.

The bicycle, which has done so much for so many lines of business, however, proved fatal to Mrs. Clarke's academy. The number of her pupils decreased until the business was below the paying point.

Then she was forced to part, one by one, with her horses in order to obtain the means wherewith to live. At the last there remained to her only one beautiful horse, Gypsy, which once belonged to Mrs. William C. Whitney.

It was while riding Gypsy that the terrible disaster occurred to her. Two women who were driving a runabout collided with her. They were thrown out of their vehicle and fell in a heap on the unfortunate woman, who was lying by the side of her horse badly injured.

The horses attached to the runabout dashed madly on, the vehicle entangling itself with the three women and dragging them a distance of about forty feet.

Two of Mrs. Clarke's ribs were crushed and two others broken. Her scalp was profusely torn, and she was cut about the face and abdomen. The women, whose recklessness it is alleged caused the accident, were Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Coggeswell, of No. 337 West Fifty-seventh street. The first was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital and the latter to the J. Hood Wright Hospital with a broken arm.

The accident leaves Mrs. Clarke in such an unfortunate financial condition that her friends have started a subscription for her benefit. It is in the hands of Mrs. Washington T. Romaine, of No. 171 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, and Rev. George M. Fowler, assistant pastor of Calvary M. E. Church, at One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Seventh avenue, is currently supporting it. The church has hired a trained nurse for Mrs. Clarke, who is at her home.

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